

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 201**

February 12, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes statute providing physicians “complete and absolute authority” over physician assistants.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-19-106 provides: “A physician assistant shall only function under the control and responsibility of a licensed physician.”
- The statute removed by this legislation is not considered to change the professional relationship between physicians and physician assistants; therefore, the oversight function of the Board of Medical Examiners in conjunction with the Committee on Physician Assistants will not be significantly altered.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The Committee on Physician Assistants had an annual surplus of \$85,071 in FY12-13, an annual deficit of \$83,400 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$467,340 on June 30, 2014.
- The Board of Medical Examiners had an annual surplus of \$288,380 in FY12-13, an annual deficit of \$75,431 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$2,365,965 on June 30, 2014.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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